

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 3, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 57, 3/31/2017; SB 64, 3/31/2017; SB 139, 3/31/2017; SB 341, 3/31/2017  
Executive Action: SB 60; SB 63; SB 64; SB 139; SB 260; SB 341

00:01:16 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON SB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:28 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 57, Clarify highway patrol funding sources and increase certain registration fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:36 Rep. Garner

00:05:06 Colonel Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph69a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph69a02\)](#)

00:09:39 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

[EXHIBIT\(aph69a03\)](#)

00:11:15 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurance

00:11:43 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employess Association (MPEA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:38 Rep. Keane

00:12:58 Sen. Blasdel

00:13:20 Rep. Knokey

00:13:43 Sen. Blasdel

00:14:30 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:15:00 Rep. Knokey

00:15:55 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:16:18 Rep. Hamlett

00:17:00 Sen. Blasdel

00:17:20 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:18:08 Rep. Hamlett

00:18:52 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:19:33 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:20:41 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:21:03 Rep. Patelis

00:21:46 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:21:56 Rep. Keane

00:22:09 Colonel Butler, MHP

00:22:25 Natalia Bowser, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:20 Sen. Blasdel

**HEARING ON SB 64**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:53 Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 64, Generally revise laws related to the board of pardons and parole.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:25 Pat Schlauch, Department of Correction (COR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:16 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:29:42 Pat Schlauch, COR  
00:30:18 Rep. Lynch  
00:33:30 Sen. Wolken  
00:34:14 Rep. Dudik  
00:34:39 Sen. Wolken  
00:34:56 Rep. Dudik  
00:37:19 Adrienne Cotton, Department of Corrections (COR)  
00:37:41 Rep. Patelis  
00:39:14 Adrienne Cotton, COR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:48 Sen. Wolken

**HEARING ON SB 139**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:13 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 139, Revise k-12 school district expansion laws.

00:41:02 Rep. Vinton, HD 56

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:00 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena School District

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(aph69a04\)\*\*](#)

00:47:54 Jim Standaert, East Helena School District

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(aph69a05\)\*\*](#)

00:57:13 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:45 Rep. Ellis  
01:04:12 Jim Standaert, East Helena School District

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:04:56 Rep. Vinton

**HEARING ON SB 341****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:05:55 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 341, Establish contract requirements for the WWAMI program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:06:41 Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association  
01:08:37 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:10:57 Vice Chair McCarthy  
01:13:25 Sen. Olszewski  
01:13:31 Rep. Jones  
01:14:29 Sen. Olszewski  
01:14:58 Vice Chair Brodehl  
01:16:24 Sen Olszewski  
01:16:32 Rep. Keane  
01:16:41 Chair Ballance  
01:16:46 Rep. Ellis  
01:17:40 Sen. Olszewski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:59 Sen. Olszewski  
  
01:20:58 Chair Ballance  
01:22:08 Vice Chair McCarthy  
01:22:21 Chair Ballance  
01:23:09 Vice Chair McCarthy  
01:23:31 Chair Ballance  
01:23:37 Vice Chair Brodehl  
01:23:45 Chair Ballance

01:23:59 Recessed  
01:42:35 Reconvened - with Rep. Woods present

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 60**

01:43:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 60 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Lynch will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63**

01:44:00 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 63 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:44:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Patelis moved that **SB 63 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(aph69a06\)](#)

01:47:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 63 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Patelis will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64**

01:47:29 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 64 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:47:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 64 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel voting no. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(aph69a07\)](#)

01:48:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 64 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel voting no. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Brodehl will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 139**

01:50:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 139 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Lynch and Rep. Ryan voting no. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Jones will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260**

01:50:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 260 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Cook will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 341**

01:51:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 341 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Burnett voted by proxy. Rep. Jones will carry the bill.

01:52:16 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:53:24

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph69aad.pdf](#))